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The Dissipation of Base-Ball.

YESTERDAY the base-ball fever culminated in a scene disgraceful to Philadelphia. The much-talked-of game between the Athletics and Atlantics was prevented by the ignorant conduct of the vast crowd assembled to witness the sport. We do not overestimate when we say there were 30,000 people present, and of these 30,000 a large proportion lacked common sense. In their eager desire to secure advantageous positions, they sacrificed all propriety, and, overreaching themselves, prevented the game which they had all come miles to see. It is a matter of extremely slight importance whether the game in ques-

tion occurs or not, but an instructive lesson can be drawn from the conduct of those present on the occasion. We stated vesterday that the admiration felt for base-ball, as for all physical sports, was a natural one; that it should be popular is proper. But at the same time we warned all lovers of the game

that the excess to which it was being carried would prove its ruin.

Yesterday was a fair sample of the ultimate result. The rush to see the contest was so great that the contest itself was prevented. So it will be with the whole system, unless something like moderation is instilled into it, devotees. The business men of our city are getting disgusted; and although they may like to see the young men indulge in the game once or twice a week, the present dissipation will not be tolerated much longer. But even if they were willing, the excitement is now at such a fever heat that it will degrade the sport to a level with horse-races and prize-rings. We know that there are hundreds of respectable people who attend these matches, but there are hundreds of gamblers, pickpockets, and other scoundrels, who are present also; and the latter class will soon drive the former from the field.

Yesterday we witnessed betting freely and openly performed inside the field, and in the presence of a crowd of witnesses, notwithstanding the rules of the Athletics. Such infringements of the law and such exhibitions of immorality are calculated to drive all honorable admirers of the game to their homes in disgust. It is a duty which the clubs owe to themselves, to save their amusement from becoming disreputable.

This great congregation of people drew together a vast number of liquor booths, rum shops, and lager beer dealers. They surrounded the outskirts of the crowd, and made the game tend to promote intemperance. The whole thing is "being run into the ground." The rowdyism exhibited was enough to drive all respectable people forever off the field. The betting engaged in resembled more the scenes at the old Suffolk Park Races than a respectable game of baseball. The drinking done was calculated to alarm all lovers of morality, and unless a total revolution is effected, the game of baseball will be ranked with the vices, and all little boys who engage in it will, like those of the novel, who watched horse races, be considered the synonym of fast young men, and parents will frown down that which will only degenerate.

We like the game of base-ball. We think it calculated to strengthen the muscles, invigorate the system, and counteract the evils of the sedentary life lead by so many of our young men. But at the same time it would be better to have no game than what we fear it will become. Let the nuisance be abated, for nuisance it has become. Let us have it in moderation; for as long as the fever does not cool, the whole sport will be ruined, and base-ball and cricket rank among the things that were.

Our City and County Candidates.

THE example of last year, when the independent voters of the city rejected a man, regularly nominated by the Union Convention, because of his private character, has had a most salutary effect on the delegates who selected our standard-bearers this year, and there is not a man upon our ticket to whom the slightest objection could be raised. They are all men eminently fitted for their respective posts, and the most conscientious of voters would chose them as most likely to make the best officers.

Richard Peltz, Esq., the nominee for the position of Receiver of Taxes, has been for many years engaged in that office in a subordinate capacity, and has, therefore, become thoroughly acquainted with all its workings. We have always tayored the advancement of public servants, and must, therefore, warmly commend the choice of Mr. Peltz. He has expressed a determination, if elected, to hand over to the city the five per cent. fine collected for delay in the payment of taxes. This will cut off most of the emoluments which his predecessors have enjoyed, but will make the municipality richer by thousands every year. He is honest, efficient, and courteous, and will be most acceptable to all our citizens in the duties of his new office.

Captain Henry Conser is a soldier of fine record. It is only proper that those who fought our battles should receive their reward in the shape of offices, now that the war is over. Captain Connor is a gentleman of undoubted honor, an efficient and good citizen. and one who, understanding the wants of the

people, will be eminently suited for such a post as Commissioner. He will have an enormous majority, and the Republican party will gain this year what they lost through their bad selection last year.

The duties of Prothonotary of the District Court require that some gentleman should be selected who is careful, courteous, and acquainted with the needs of the Court, and with the various legal technicalities which dally occur. All these requisites are found in Mr. James McManes. He has had the opportunity of familiarizing himself with the forms. He is a gentleman of urbane manners, and will make a most excellent officer.

John G. Butler, Esq., will be the next occupant of the lucrative office of Clerk of the Quarter Sessions. He has been for years one of the most active workers of the party, serving on the City Executive Committee with zeal and fidelity. The office is a deserved reward for his services. He is honest and polite-the two great needs of the Clerk. He has a political record without spot or blemish, and his nomination is a proper compliment to a hard worker for the cause.

This year we expect to roll up such a majority in favor of the city ticket that will surpass that of all bygone elections. We court inquiry into the record and character of our nominees, and feel well assured that the stricter the examination the more clear will their merits appear.

Two Cheering Voices from the South. Two documents lie before us of a nature to give us hope for the Southern people. One is the charge of Judge A. D. Clayton to a Grand Jury of Alabama; the other the pastoral letter from Bishop Verot, of the Catholic Church of Georgia. Both of these addresses speak in no complimentary terms of the North, of its people or their virtues; but for that we care little. It is of no consequence to us whether the South malign us or not, so that they act justly. We have existed for three-quarters of a century with their hate. and we have prospered notwithstanding their detestation. We only ask that they do right; that they deal justly with the blacks and with the community, and we will be satisfied. even if they do pour on our devoted heads their anathemas. And that some of them intend thus to deal, we believe that the two articles before us indicate.

Judge Clayton was a former Rebel Major-General. He takes a plain, sensible ground of argument in his charge. He talks like a man uninfluenced by ignorant bigotry or passion; and if his advice be followed, we see no cause to fear that the future of the South will indeed be glorious. He says, in giving his advice:-

"Now let us deal with the facts before us, as they are. The nearo has been made free. It was no work of his. He did not seek freedom, and nowinally iree as he is, he is helpless beyond expression—helpless by his want of habits of self-reliance—helpless by his want of comprehension to understand and appreciate his condition. To remedy the evils growing out of the abolition of slavery, it seems two things are necessary. First, a recognition of the freedom of the race as a fact, and the willing enforcement of them. Secondly, by treating them with perfect fairness and justness in our contracts, and in every way in which we may be brought in contact with them. By the tirst we convince the world of our good faith, and get rid of this system of espionage by removing the pretext of its necessity; and by the second we secure the services of the negroes, learn them their places, and how to keep them, and convince them, at last, that we are indeed their best iriends. When we do this, let us hope that society revive from its present shock, and our be crowned with abundant harvests. We need the labor of the negroes all over the country, and it is worth the effort to secure it."

This is all that we require. Let him be treated in good faith like a man. Let him be paid and not oppressed. Let him be protected in his civil rights, and allowed to rise if he can. Give him a chance. When that is done, the social scale will once more be adjusted. The black will know his place and fulfil his duties. Law, order, and prosperity

will succeed anarchy and depression. The charge of the Judge refers to his treatment so far as civil law is concerned. The other document refers to his religious training. Bishop Verot speaks wisely and well. The spirit evinced by his letter is calculated to put to the blush those lukewarm philanthropists who preach and do not practise. He starts a crusade which can be made as glorious and far more effective than that of Peter the Hermit, and urges the "evangelization of the African race." He speaks hke a Christian and a statesman when he commends the poor blacks to the Christian charity of all. He says :-

"African slavery seems to have commenced and to have been kept up by the cruel and evidently unjust proceedings of men kidnapping other men to sell them to the tiger-hearted authors and abettors of the slave trade, con-demned by the Holy See and foroidden by all eulightened nations. Hence we wish, in a certly and with great earnestness, all kinds of blessings to the colored race, and we exhort a to put away all prejudice, all offsilite, all anti-pathy, all bitterness against their former servants. Away with all feelings of bickerings, envy, or jealousy, which would only bespeak a narrow mind and the lack of noble and elevated feelings. The golden rule, 'Love thy neigh-bor as thyself,' must not admit of any exception; and, therefore, we call on the faithful to send most fervent and reiterated prayers to the Thron of Grace, that the fathers of the Council may receive light and grace from the invisible Head of the Church, to procure the speedy and efficacious evangelization of the African race,"

Here, then, is the advice of two men, Southern in birth, education, and affiliation, of such a tone as gives us hope. If the spirit exhibited by the bench and the pulpit over all the South were but like that of Judge Clayton and Bishop Verot, a different order of things would be inaugurated. We would say to all Southerners, Why not take the advice of such leaders? Why not cease to act like barbarians, and behave like Christian men? Why not prove yourselves worthy of the commendation of Christendom? And, leaving all prejudices with the dead past, act as citizens in a new era, with new surroundings and new bopes and duties.

CHERRING .- The Connecticut town elections took place yesterday, and were carried by large Republican gains. In every town, as far as heard from, we have unexpected increased majorities. This is but a continuation of the Maine victory, and but a precursor of the Democratic rout which will occur one week from now. From all points of the compass the news is cheering. H. W. Corbett, elected Senator from Oregon, is a radical of radicals. He success Hop. James W. Nesmith, Democrat, and adds another to our majority in the Senate.

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